THEN and NOW!

What a Friend! Part II

By Frances H. Paulette

Have you ever seen an angel with short, gray hair, due in part to frosting and to some degree just to plain old living? Add a cigarette, hanging precariously between her lips, and a cup of coffee in one hand and she'll look even less like an angel! Haven't seen one, you say? Well, I know one! But wait ...

Before I tell you of my friend's attributes, (you know, all the little 'goodies' that might help her quality as a special one, which she would quickly deny), let's hear just how she made the adjustment from Appomattox to Lynchburg.

Quite often when a youngster moves from a small community with a small school to a city with a much larger school, the effect is noticable. The student become smore careful of his or her behavior; that is, until they become use to the changed environment.

The friend of whom I write had no such period of transition. She knew exactly what she was going to do when she got herself in that big, city school --- skip, that's what! Oooo --- she could hardly wait; what unlimited opportunities for freedom awaited her!

As she had in the Appomattox school, my friend was quick to make friends and somehow or other, she always had the complete loyalty of her friends. Soon, there were friends just as interested in skipping school as she was and equally as cooperative!

Things were really shaping up for my friend; her mother had a position in downtown Lynchburg. So, should she feel that she couldn't possibly face the prospect of school on a given day, she had a system all worked out.

Leaving home at the usual time in the morning, pretending to go to school, she would kill time until she was absolutely sure her mother had left for work. As soon as she felt all was clear, she hurried home, losing no time. For what? The phone call, of course!

The school, just as she had anticipated, would call --- checking up! Impersonating her mother, she would say, "Yes, I'm afraid I did have too keep my daughter home today; poor thing she's sick and she hates to miss school so much." The school, satisfied that the girl was really sick, would no longer be a threat to my friend's freedom!

Shenanigans such as these went on for quite a while until one day she got caught! Along with a friend or two, (to whom she had 'taught' the art of skipping school and not getting caught), she was sitting comfortabley in a downtown theater, enjoying the movie and the popcorn with out a care in the world. Suddenly she sat upright with a start, and an audible exclamation, rows (completely accidental!), for seating herself just a few rows ahead of the young lady was her mother. Needless to say she got caught.

The fact that the city of Lynchburg had a good library was indeed an asset to my friend; not necessarily to her academic standing but to her social life! When her older sister got her driving permit, it was my friend who convinced her mother that they had to study at the library in order to get extra credit or something or other. You understand, of course, that they could only get the car for a really good reason, and what better reason than having to study! My, how it must have pleased her mother, knowing her daughter was so studious. I wonder just how long my friend, accompanied by several of her 'studious' friends, got away with 'going to the library' when actually they were riding around town.

All this and more made up the youthful years of this friend. Mischievous, fun-loving, and abounding in energy. Then, you may quickly ask, just how does this angel bit fit into the picture?

I know that you will quickly agree with me that the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad is one of the greatest things that has ever happened to our county. The organization is only as good as those people who, regardless of weather, personal feeling, or whatever, give of their time with a genuine concern to meet the needs of others.

This friend, who probably wouldn't cook supper for you (she might take you out!), would leave her warm bed, close the door of her comfortable home as she goes out to help a fellow human being in need. She also, along with the other Rescue Squad members, takes time to attend classes in order that she might be as knowledgable as possible in the procedures and techniques necessary in this business of saving lives and alleviating pain. An angel? Without a doubt, an angel of mercy!

A charter member of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club and a present member of the Appomattox Woman's Club; she is a member of the Second Lieutenant of local squad and is serving as secretary of District 5 of Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads and an honorary member of Future Homemakers of America, and a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Have you guessed? Of course you have! It's Beck, Mrs. J. Lloyd Hudson, our news editor. As quickly as she says good morning, she will tell you that your hair looks like the devil (if it does)! Just as quickly, she will leave her work or her home in the middle of the night, if necessary to answer a rescue call. Just don't ask her to cook a meal for you!!

Different? I'll say! Interesting? Oh, yes! A friend? Without a Doubt! Come on Beck, let's go have a cup of coffee and chocolate pie!! (She'll leave anything for coffee and pie!!)

VA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - My monthly insurance premiums are $32.20. I'm on Social Security disability and am finding it difficult to make the monthly payments. I don't want to lose my coverage. What can I do to reduce or waive premium payments but still retain coverage?

A - If your disability is total and it happened before your 65th birthday and has continued for six or more consecutive months, you may be eligible for a waiver of premiums for as long as you remain totally disabled.

Q - I am voluntarily participating in the new Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) and am experiencing severe financial hardship. May I temporarily suspend contributions to VEAP without losing entitlement?

A - Yes. A service person who is experiencing financial hardship may temporarily suspend contributions without losing entitlements.

Q - How much additional pension benefits can an eligible widow receive who is entitled to aid and attendance?

A - The widow's pension can be increased an additional $79 per month for aid and attendance.

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Armstrong Furniture Announces Promotions

Joe Danos

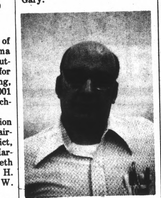
Joe Danos of Evington was employed by Armstrong Furniture Division of Thomasville Furniture Industries in their Appomattox plant March 24, 1975 as a production employee. Danos has recently been promoted to the position of Packing and Repair Supervisor of the second shift. He will be married in the near future and plans to move to the Appomattox - Concord area.

Jerry Long

Jerry Long of Route 1, Appomattox began employment at Armstrong Furniture Division of Thomasville Furniture Industries in their Appomattox plant in October of 1975 as guard. Long has recently been promoted to the position of Supervisor of Shipping and Warehouse on the second shift. A native of Front Royal, he and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of three children, Tim, Jerri Lynn and Gary.

Chuck Webber

Chuck Webber, a native of Appomattox, began his employment with Armstrong Furniture Division of Thomasville Furniture Industries at their Appomattox plant on September 16, 1974 as a production employee. Webber has recently been named Finishing Supervisor on the second shift. He and his wife, Carolyn, are the parents of one child, Cindy, and they reside on Route 4, Appomattox.



Charles Reece

Charles Reece, employed by Armstrong Furniture Division of Thomasville Furniture Industries at their Appomattox facility May 6, 1975 as a production employee, has recently been named Supervisor of Sub-Assembly of the first shift. A native of Tennessee, Reece and his wife, Ruth, are the parents of three children, Sandra, Carol and David. They now live in Prospect.

Lewis Mann

Lewis Mann, employed by Armstrong Furniture Division of Thomasville Furniture Industries at their Appomattox plant on May 5, 1974, has recently been promoted from production employee to Fabrication III Supervisor of the second shift. Born in Campbell County, Mann has lived most of his life on Route 1 in Appomattox County.

Iota Membership Hears Attorney

Members of Iota Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for outstanding teachers will meet for coffee, 9:30, Saturday morning, at Seven Hills School, 2001 Rivermont Avenue in Lynchburg.

Hostesses for the occasion are Miss Nancy Akers, chairperson, Mrs. Bruce J. Benedict, Kathleen Burnette, Mrs. Marvin S. Cash, III, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Davidson, Mrs. John H. Krebs, and Mrs. T. W. Pettyjohn.

The Professional Affairs Committee, chaired by Marie Conson, will present a program, "Women and the Law". Miss Susie Stuart C. Drake, attorney, is guest speaker. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, Julia Feagans, Evelyn Hight, Mrs. Lewis T. Lee, Mrs. Agnes B. Robotham, Frances A. Simpson, and Miss Marie Waller.

Mrs. Frank C. Murray, president of the Chapter, will preside over the business session. Officers for the next biennium will be elected.

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RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Campbell County Senior Programs activities for the week - Feb. 13-17, 1978.

Altavista - on Monday there will be a variety of cards and games. Preparations will begin for the Valentine Party. The art class begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and at 12 noon there will be a Valentine covered dish luncheon. Girl Scout Troop 833 will provide entertainment and refreshments at 3:30 p.m. Cards and games are scheduled for Friday.

Brookneal - on Wednesday there will be group singing with Elizabeth Ginther at the piano. Mildred Bates has Valentine games planned for this afternoon.

Concord - scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday is the art class, crafts, games and quilting. At 12 p.m. the Valentine's Day covered dish luncheon will begin. The club business meeting starts at 1 p.m. and there will be a drawing for a handmade quilt.

Gladys - the hostesses for Thursday are Mary Neighbors and Pearl Almond. The study group will begin at 2 p.m.

Rustburg - bring an old wedding picture on Monday and we'll guess who is in them. Lunch is scheduled for 12 noon and table games begin at 12:30 p.m.

Timbrook - bring an old wedding picture on Tuesday and we'll guess who is in them. Lunch will begin at 12 noon and Canasta starts at 12:30 p.m. On Thursday, the center will be open for crafts and games at 8 a.m. Lunch is scheduled for 12 noon and games will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The Quitchers Square Dance Club sponsored by the Campbell County Recreation Department is sponsoring a "friendship night" on Mon., Feb. 13 from 7:30 until 9:45 p.m. at Leesville Road Elementary School. The public is invited to participate in the square dance party for non-experienced dancers. A fine recreation evening is anticipated for all age groups.

VEPCO CUSTOMERS USE MORE ELECTRICITY

Customers of Virginia Electric and Power Company used 5.2 per cent more electricity in 1977 than they did in 1976, W. L. Proffitt, Senior Vice President, said today.

Mr. Proffitt said output on the Vepco system in 1977 was 38.2 billion kilowatthours compared to 36.4 billion kilowatthours in 1976. He noted the growth in output was slightly higher than the 5.1 per cent growth in national electrical output in 1977. Vepco's output last year was more than double the 17.8 billion kilowatthours total output ten years ago in 1967, Mr. Proffitt said.

Record peak demands for electric power were set in both summer and winter during 1977, Mr. Proffitt said. The all time hourly peak demand by Vepco customers, on July 21, 1977, was 7.9 million kilowatts, up 12.2 per cent from the 7.04 million kilowatt peak in 1976 and 10.8 per cent higher than the previous all time peak of 7.13 million kilowatts set in 1975, he said.

The intense cold in January, 1977 produced a winter peak demand of 6.98 million kilowatts on January 17, up 10.9 per cent from the 1975/76 winter peak, Mr. Proffitt said. He noted that the 1976/1977 winter peak was exceeded January 10, 1978, by a 7.37 million kilowatt hourly peak.

Mr. Proffitt explained that, since electricity cannot be stored in large quantities, the peak load is a crucial factor in determining the need for future construction of generating stations. He said that the rise in the peak demand in 1977 over the previous year, while, due in part to extreme weather, exceeded the compound annual 5.3 per cent rise in peak load averages projected through 1987.

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Appomattox Man Graduates From State Police School

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Graduating from this Training School was Ronald Hayden Campbell of Appomattox, a graduate of Appomattox County High School. His duty station will be in Alexandria.

In addition to a minimum of 30 days of field training with an experienced trooper, the graduates had 20 weeks of basic training which included field and classroom work totalling 985 hours, exclusive of study periods, and covered 143 subjects.

The new troopers reported to their duty stations February 6., There are now 901 troopers, including the graduates, stationed throughout the State. These do not include uniformed supervisory personnel.

Main speaker for the ceremonies was the Honorable Kermit V. Rook, Chief Judge, Retired, Juvenile and Domistic Relations Court, Thirteenth Judicial District of Virginia, Richmond. Colonel Slane also addressed the class.

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